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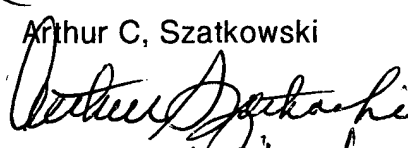
This communication is a response to a first Office Action having a mailing date of 03/29/2004 and setting forth a shortened statutory period for response of three months which would expire on 06/29/2004.

The applicant has studied the examiner's office action carefully with the following results:

Claims 1 - 7 have been objected to because of certain informalities. Therefore, claim 1 has been amended on a separate page to take care of the noted informalities.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over I've in view of view of Columbo et al.. The applicant does not agree at all with this type of a rejection but has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 2 which subject matter has been indicated by the examiner as being allowable. Consequently, claim has been amended to overcome the objections to claim and to include the subject matter of claim. Therefore, claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom and an early indication of allowance would greatly be appreciated.

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